

SPECIFICATION

MOBILE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SYSTEM

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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5 The present invention relates to an electronic commerce system that provides a settlement function for retail sales transactions involving the use of payment cards or credit cards (bank cards), a settlement function that provides for the employment of telephone cards for paying communication fees incurred through the use of mobile telephones, an

10 examination function for verifying tickets issued for admission to various events, including concerts and movies, and a sales and distribution function for these payment cards, telephone cards and tickets. In particular, the present invention pertains to the maintenance of the usability and

15 the safety of settlements, and to the facilitation of efficient and smooth business transactions.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

As the employment of telephone cards and payment cards, such as pinball game prepaid cards, has spread, prepaid

20 systems for which magnetic cards are used to settle debts have become common. However, since there has been a corresponding increase in attendant problems, such as the illegal use of altered cards and excess charges imposed by retail shops, there is a demand that the safety of settlement

25 systems be improved. Recently, an IC payment card has appeared that provides one countermeasure to illegal applications.